

Introduced by Senator Murray

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Section 49430.5 of the Education Code, relating to school meals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1674, as introduced, Murray. Public schools: meal reimbursement.

Existing law requires that the per meal reimbursement rate received by elementary and middle schools for free and reduced price meals be increased to 23¢. Existing law also establishes a per meal reimbursement rate of 10¢ for meals sold at full price in elementary and middle schools. Existing law requires schools to follow specified state and federal guidelines in order to qualify for reimbursement. Existing law requires that the reimbursement rates be adjusted annually for cost of living increases, as specified. Existing law provides that these provisions are only operative if moneys were appropriated as specified.

This bill would delete the provision that makes the operation of the meal reimbursement rates contingent on the appropriation of moneys for these purposes on or before January 1, 2004. The bill also would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provisions of existing law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 49430.5 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

1 49430.5. (a) The reimbursement a school receives for free
2 and reduced price meals sold or served to pupils in elementary or
3 middle schools shall be increased to twenty-three cents (\$0.23)
4 *per meal*.

5 (b) Each elementary and middle school shall receive a
6 reimbursement of ten cents (\$0.10) for ~~meals~~ *each meal* sold at
7 full price.

8 (c) To qualify for the increased reimbursement for free and
9 reduced price meals and for the reimbursement for meals sold at
10 full price, a school shall follow the United States Department of
11 Agriculture's Enhanced Food Based Meal Pattern, the United
12 States Department of Agriculture's Nutrient Standard Meal
13 Planning, California's SHAPE Menu Patterns, or the USDA
14 Traditional Meal Pattern.

15 (d) The reimbursement rates set forth in this section shall be
16 adjusted annually for increases in cost of living in the same
17 manner set forth in Section 42238.1.

18 ~~(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2004,~~
19 ~~only if moneys are appropriated on or before January 1, 2004, for~~
20 ~~the purposes of increased reimbursements pursuant to this article.~~